

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CHARLES A. EDWARDS,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
D. SMITH,  
Defendants.

No. 1:20-cv-01822 JLT GSA (PC)  
ORDER GRANTING NUNC PRO TUNC  
PLAINTIFF'S REQUEST FOR  
SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE  
(ECF No. 43 [REDACTED])

Plaintiff, a state prisoner proceeding pro se and in forma pauperis, has filed this civil rights action seeking relief under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. The matter was referred to a United States Magistrate Judge pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B) and Local Rule 302.

Plaintiff has filed a letter with the Court in which he requests that a settlement conference be scheduled. See ECF No. 43 ([REDACTED]).<sup>1</sup> For the reasons stated below, the motion will be granted nunc pro tunc.

I. RELEVANT FACTS

On July 23, 2025, Defendants filed a joint notice of their wish to participate in a settlement conference. See ECF No. 39. Based on it, the Court ordered Defendants to provide

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<sup>1</sup> Because the letter contains confidential settlement information, that information has been redacted in it.

1 dates of their availability and unavailability. ECF No. 40. On July 28, 2025, each of the two  
2 Defendants filed his own notice of dates of availability and unavailability. See ECF Nos. 41, 42.  
3 In addition, on July 28, 2025 ,Plaintiff filed what appears to be a request for the Court to set a  
4 settlement conference. See ECF No. 43.

5 **II. DISCUSSION**

6 Given that Plaintiff and both Defendants are agreeable to participate in a settlement  
7 conference and Defendants have provided available dates when they are able to do so, the Court  
8 in due course will issue an order which calendars a date for the settlement conference before a  
9 different magistrate judge as well as an appearance writ for Plaintiff.

10 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Plaintiff's request for a settlement  
11 conference date (ECF No. 43 [REDACTED]), is GRANTED nunc pro tunc.

12 **The Court will issue the settlement conference order and Plaintiff's appearance writ  
13 in due course.**

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15 IT IS SO ORDERED.  
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17 Dated: July 29, 2025

/s/ Gary S. Austin  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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